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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 09/27/05 (hereinafter "the Official Action"), finally rejecting all claims (claims 26-34, 61 and 62) and for which a response is due 12/27/05, the Applicants respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims:

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